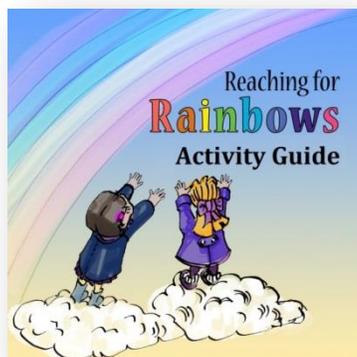


REACHING FOR RAINBOWS ACTIVITY GUIDE



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Bulletin Board Activity:

Have children trace a hand on six colors of paper and cut out the outlines. Place all the hands on the bulletin board in a rainbow shape. If children are learning to write, they can write the name of the color, or a fruit, flower, or other object on each cutout.

Scent (or Touch) Box:

Cut a small hole or flap in a shoebox lid. Place a fragrant item, such as an orange, lilacs, or a stinky shoe, in the box. Have children describe the smell, and let them guess what it is. After the reveal, ask the children how their descriptions were the same, or different. (This activity can also be done as a touch activity by letting children place their hand through the shoebox flap.)

Finger Paints:

Provide black, white, red, yellow, and blue paints. Teach children to mix the colors to create a new color. Let children make their own rainbows.

Seeing the World Differently – Preschool Only (Not for Toddlers):

Give each child a gallon-size zipper storage bag. Have the children fold the bag in half and put in front of their eyes while you hold up different objects. Let them describe how the objects look different. Are they fuzzy? Have them fold the bag in half again. Does it make it more difficult to see the object? Can they see the object at all, or is just a blob of color? Talk about how many people see the world this way every day. What would you do differently if you saw this way? How would you know if a glass of water is full?

Braille Cards:

Request Braille alphabet cards from your state or local Library for the Blind. Most of these libraries should be able to provide the cards free-of-charge. Compare the Braille letters with print letters. How are they different?